Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
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June 21, 1984

Mr. Dennis Dorris
Alter Barge Company
720 North Delmar
Hartford, IL 62048

Dear Mr. Dorris:

My wife and I have just remodeled the house at 463 Bluff St. in Alton. Below it a barge and two towboats of the Alter Barge Company are docked. These have not been tied up there for long.

We do not know if this is a permanent arrangement or not, but there has been a constant loud, motor-generator noise coming from the towboats and disturbing us. Is there some way this can be corrected as it is a very bothersome nuisance.

We would appreciate hearing from you. During weekdays we are at 314-444-6525 or 314-727-0850. On weekends we are at 462-0279 in Alton.

We would appreciate it if you would look into the matter.

Sincerely,

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September 10, 1984

Col. Gary Beech
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
St. Louis District
210 N. Tucker Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Sir:

My wife and I own a residence at 463 Bluff Street, Alton, Illinois 62002. It is on a high bluff directly overlooking Alton Lake. Directly below our residence at the shore line the Alter Barge Lines have had 4 towboats parked for about 3 months and none have moved in any way so far as we know. These towboats operate large motor generators day and night, making a steady loud roar which disturbs us and our guests constantly. It is a major nuisance and interferes with the use of our residence.

We wrote Alter Barge Lines on June 21, 1984 and they responded by telephone saying they were planning to connect up with electric service on the shore so the motor generators would not operate when the towboats were not in use. There has been no change in the situation so far as we know.

We believe that you should be aware of the problem if you have any control over the situation. We understand you had a public meeting on 8/28/84 which we were unaware of and that comments like this are still welcome.

You may place us on your mailing list if you wish.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 1984

Mr. Dennis Dorris
Alter Barge Company
720 North Delmar
Hartford, IL 62048

Dear Mr. Dorris:

On June 21, 1984, I wrote you about the excessive motor-generator noise coming from the push boats parked below our residence at 463 Bluff Street in Alton. This steady nuisance has continued all day and night for months and is irritating to ourselves and our guests.

In answer to my last letter, you were nice enough to telephone me and tell me arrangements were being made to obtain electric power on shore so that these motors did not need to operate when the boats were parked at your dock below us.

I would like a written response as to what you plan to do to eliminate this nuisance. I realize that you wish the push boats were busier on the river and for that reason I have been patient in my follow up.

Please let me have your further cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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